Seventh Five Year Plan for modernisation and upgradation of the power stations.

SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO: Mr. Chairman, Sir, Mr. Birla stated that there are soft loan schemes by the Government, but due to constraints the financial institutions are not helpful in this regard. The Minister agreed to it. I would like to ask the hon. Minister whether he will issue guidelines to these financial institutions to see that the requirement of small scale industries and units up to 50 lakhs of rupees for modernisaction are met entirely by these institutions.

SHRI VASANT SATHE: At you know, it is the well-known policy of the Government to give priority and help to small scale sector directly, through financial institutions and through fiscal measures. Actually, the IDBI has given assistance to small scale sector in the year 1983-84 to the tune of Rs. 2484.2 crores in 1984-85, Rs. 3,489.7 crores. This is the total assistance given to the small-scale sector.

SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO: I have asked about modernisation?

SHRI VASANT SATHE: This is the total assistance which will be used for modernisation also. You do not demarcate it. In regard to modernisation also. special emphasis and help is always made available to the small-scale sector.

*103. [*Transferred to the 29th November*, 1985.]

*104. [*The questioner (Shri Chaturanan Mishra) was absent. For answer. vide cols.* 36-37 infra]

*105. [*The questioner (Shri M. Basavaraju) was absent. For answer vide col.* 37 infra]

*106. [*The questioner (Shri Rama nand Yadav) was absent. For answer, vide cols.* 37-38 infra.]

*107.[*The questioner (Shri C. Haridas) was absent. For answer, vide cols.* 38-39 infra.]

Allocation of Power to Karnataka

*108. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:†
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka have proposed that 15 per cent of unallocated power from the Ramagundam Thermal Station be allocated entirely to Karnataka;

(b) if so, whether the said proposal was discussed at the recently held conference of power Ministers; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) During the Conference, the Power Minister of Karnataka referred to Karnataka Government's request that the entire 15% unallocated power from the Ramagundam Super thermal power station should be allocated to that State. The proposal was not discussed at the Conference. However, the unallocated share of power from Ramagundam super thermal station is meant for meeting the urgent requirements of all the States in the Sourthern Region from time to time.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Sir, in view of the acute scarcity of power in Karnataka, as my friend is very well aware, would they allot this year at least all this 15 per cent of unallocated power from this plant to Karnataka? I would also like to know from the hon. Minister whether he would persuade the Andhra Pradesh and Kerala Governments so that those Governments also can come to the help of the Karnataka Government in this regard.

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy.

SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN: Sir, it will not be possible for the Government to make permanent allocations of this 15 per cent power:....

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: This year.

SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN: Even for one year. But generally, the deficit the shortage, which a State is facing is taken into consideration while allocating this unallocated power among the States of the region. It will be seen from the figures that the power which has been supplied to Karnataka in 1984-85, for instance, is much more than the share which they were entitled to. Likewise, in 1985-86, from April 1985 to October, 1985, though their share is only 16 per cent of the total generation, the power which they have received from Ramagundam is 26 per cent. This has been possible only because Karnataka was facing shortage. Therefore, Sir, in the allocation of this unallocated power to any particular State, for a whole year, if that State is facing shortage, then, it is bound to get more power out of this unallocated power.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: I am not disputing the effort made by the Centre to supply power to Karnataka. The only point it, whether, this year, because of the acute drought in Karnataka, would be consider allotting the entire 15 per cent to Karnataka? Secondly, Sir, may I know whether the Government of India has finally decided to set up the nuclear power plant in Kaiga in Karwar district?

SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN: About the nuclear power plant, I am not the proper Minister to be addressed.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: The energy part of it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Will it be possible to allocate more power to Karnataka this year?

SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN: While allocating this unallocated power, as I have already said, the shortage which is being faced by a State will be taken into consideration. And the States having more shortages will get more share out of this unallocated power but to make outright allocation for one State in the entire region I do not think it will be advisable for the Government to do.

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Is the Minister aware that Andhra Pradesh is getting power at a cheaper rate from NTPC and selling the same to the Karnataka State at a very high rate? Since he is the Minister at the Centre, will he think of coordinating these two? Unnecessarily Karnataka is made to pay Rs. 30 to 40 crores more to Andhra Pradesh whereas Andhra Pradesh is drawing power from NTPC. Will the Minister see that Rs. 30 to 40 crores are saved by Karnataka which it is giving by way of excess payment to Andhra Pradesh?

SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN: Sir, I am not in possession of the facts about the money which is being charged by Andhra Pradesh. Maybe, they are charging something which is called as wheeling charges for letting the electricity pass through their system. If the hon. Member gives me specific information, we can certainly take it up with the concerned States.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Mr. Chairman, Sir, would like to know, what is the power position in the four Southern States as on today? The drought situation which is prevalent in Karnataka is also acutely faced by Andhra Pradesh and as a result of which.....

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, no, this relates to Karnataka.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: I am asking the question.

AN HON. MEMBER: He is coming to Karnataka through Andhra Pradesh.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: The question is about Karnataka but the power is to go from Andhra Pradesh. Therefore, Andhra Pradesh is also having as much right as anybody else. Now, what is the position with regard to power in all the four States? Secondly, what has been the amount that has been given by Andhra Pradesh to Karnataka? Is it only within the parameters of power that has to be supplied from Ramagundam or have they been able to give over and above for the requirements of Karnataka even from other areas? I am putting this question because at one time Andhra Pradesh had been surpluse but because of the drought situation prevailing there in as many as 22 districts out of 23, the position is none too very happy there also. In view of this, I would like to ask the Minister as to the money that has been charged. Is it only for the power that has been passing on to the Andhra Pradesh from Ramagundam or has it been also from other sources of Andhra Pradesh which were having a surplus power position?

SHRI AFIR MOHD. KHAN: Sir, the question specifically relates to Karnataka. The information available with me is about Karanataka. I do not have the information about the question which relates to Andhra but if the hon. Member wants I can pass on this information to im.

*109. [*The questioner (Dr. Shyam Sundar Mohapatra) was absent. For answer*, vide *col.* 39-40 infra:]

*110. [*The questioner (Dr. Mohd. Hashim Kidwai) was absent. For answer* vide *cols.* 40-41 infra.]

*111. [*The questioner (Shri Sukamal Sen) was absent. For answer* vide *cols.* 41-42 infra.]

*112. [*The questioners (Shri Suraj Prasad and Shri N. E. Balram) were absent. For answer* vide *cols.* 42-43 infra.]

Losses incurred by public sector Pharmaceutical companies

*113. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some public sector pharmaceutical companies have been consistently in the 'Red';

(b) if so, the details of such companies and since when they have been showing losses, and the total losses incurred upto 30th October, 1985 by them;

(c) whether any of these companies have ever shown profits in the past and if so, what are the names of the companies and the details of profits, shown by them in the past;

(d) whether these companies have shown some profits in 1985; and

(e) what is Government's reaction to this state of affairs; and whether any remedial action has been proposed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) A statement showing the details of net profit/loss earned by the 5 Public Sector Drug Companies during the last five years as well as the cumulative loss upto 31st March, 1985 is laid on the Table of the House (*See* below).

(c) and (d) During the last five year period, Hindustan Antibiotics earned a net profit of Rs. 24 lakhs during 1982-83 and Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Ltd. a net profit of Rs. 2 lakhs during 1984-85.

(e) There is need for these companies to improve the performance. Remedial steps proposed include efforts to improve capacity utilisation and marketing, change of product-mix and attempts to upgrade technology and productivity.